

SENIOR LEAGUE RULES OF PLAY

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Section 1. Association Rules

1. A member may invite a guest to play in his foursome no more than twice a month. A guest playing twice under this rule may not play as a guest with another member.
2. A fivesome is not allowed during scheduled play, except when the playing roster for that day will not accommodate another player.
3. **Tee shots may be played from either the gold or red markers at both courses. Members must declare at the beginning of the season which tees they intend to play from, and then play from those tees each time they play. This insures consistent calculation of handicaps.**
4. All regular play scorecards showing players and their scores are to be deposited in the in the box provided in the pro shop. Tournament score cards are to be given to the Tournament Chairmen after the round.
5. New members must play 5 rounds in order to establish a handicap.
6. For handicap purposes, members may play either before or after the scheduled tee times, on the same course and on the same day. Such play must include at least two members and score cards signed and turned in to the pro shop.
7. Members must have an Association handicap to be eligible to play in a tournament.
8. Members must have an established handicap prior to October 1 to be eligible to play in the Club Championship which is held during the month of October.
9. **Reservations for play: Initial sign-up for tee times for the upcoming month is usually the 3rd Thursday of the month in the LaFortune Park restaurant. The date and time for the sign-up appear in the play schedule. Exceptions will be announced by email from the Head Starter. During the initial sign-up a member may sign up for himself and up to three other members. He may sign up for any open dates during that month.
After the initial sign-up the Starters Book will be available at the courses during each day of scheduled play. A member may also call the Starter for that week and obtain a tee time.**

Section 2. Golf Rules: The Association shall play golf according to the USGA "Rules of Golf" with the following exceptions.

1. The ball's lie may be improved in the fairway or in the rough, with the club head, no more than 6" from the original lie. Due to winter kill or casual water the ball may be moved to the nearest grass spot but not nearer the hole. This exception does not apply if the ball is in a hazard, is impaired by tree roots or a tree, or is in an unplayable lie.

2. Relief from a fence or other structure may be taken two club lengths from the structure, not nearer the hole.
3. A ball, imbedded by its own trajectory in a bunker, must be played as it lies. If the ball lies in a depression not made by the ball, it may be lifted in order to rake the spot and then replaced in its original position without a penalty.
4. A ball that is hit out-of-bounds may be played from the nearest spot where the ball crossed the out-of-bounds line with a penalty of one stroke.
5. If a ball comes to rest, in the fairway or rough, in leaves or tall grass, and cannot be found quickly, another ball may be dropped without penalty. This does not apply to a ball landing out-of-bounds, in a hazard, trees, bushes or shrubs. In those instances, take the penalty and move on.
6. All putts "in the leather" are "GIMMEES". "In the leather" shall mean:
 - a. When the head of the putter is placed in the cup, the ball lies within the distance from the cup to just touching the grip.
 - b. If using a "long putter" a mark must be placed on the shaft 23 inches from the head of the putter.
 - c. This rule applies to all play including tournaments.

7. To combat slow play, the "USGA Equitable Stroke Control" will be used. When the stroke limit is reached the player shall pick up his ball. This limit does not apply in tournament play, where all strokes are to be counted.